

Through his dedication to his patients and constituents, Dr. Dan changed the lives of countless Michiganders and was an indispensable part of our entire community.

From his decades of service as a doctor, to his 6 years fighting for the First District in Congress, he embodied servant leadership and was an ally to all our veterans and all who were blessed to call Michigan's First District home.

Dr. Dan's passing is a significant loss to our State. Those of us who call Michigan home have each benefited from his life and service and are grateful for the impacts he made. He did make a difference.

He loved the outdoors like no one you would believe, and he loved to tell the stories of how his cabin was completely off the grid and that he ate what he caught or hunted. He was a man truly of the Upper Peninsula.

We all send our deepest condolences to his dear wife, Judy, and the entire Benishek family and all of Team Benishek.

Please join me in a moment of silence to honor the memory of Congressman Dr. Dan Benishek.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. CON. RES. 33

Mr. McCAUL. Madam Speaker, I hereby remove my name as cosponsor of H. Con. Res. 33.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. JACOBS of California). The gentleman's request is accepted.

#### WE MUST PROTECT THE RIGHT TO VOTE

(Ms. DEAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN. Madam Speaker, our sacred right to vote is in jeopardy. Led by the divisive voice of a twice-impeached, failed, former President, 17 States across this Nation have enacted 28 laws to make it harder for Americans to vote.

Tomorrow, the Senate has the opportunity to pass the Freedom to Vote Act. The pandemic has shown us we can adapt and modernize our elections to reflect the 21st century and our electorate through same-day registration, making election day a national holiday, transparency on dark money, and more.

Legislators must be the voice of the people and give voice to the people, and our voices are strongest at the ballot box. That is why we must do all we can to ensure equal access for all Americans.

I urge the Senators to vote "yes" on the Freedom to Vote Act. Our Republic can't afford anything less.

We are voted for by the people and for the people, and we must protect the right to vote for the people.

#### JACOB DAVIS, JR., TURNS 100

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jacob Davis, Jr., of Pierce County, Georgia, for his 100th birthday on October 6.

A lifelong resident of Georgia's First Congressional District, Jacob has devoted his life to his community and his country.

He was drafted into the United States Navy in 1943 and was stationed in Great Lakes, Illinois. He served as a fireman on an aircraft carrier that performed test flights for the military.

After being discharged from the military in December 1945, Jacob returned to his family farm and married the love of his life, Jenny Henderson.

Over Jacob's lifetime of farming, he has accumulated over 1,000 acres of farmland. To this day, he continues his work on his pecan orchard. If the Sun is shining, Jacob can be found outside working.

Although he has worked hard his entire life, Jacob was, and continues to be, a devoted and loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

I am proud to rise today to recognize Jacob's birthday and his lifetime of service and leadership to Georgia's First Congressional District.

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#### HONORING TARRANT COUNTY SHERIFF BILL WAYBOURN AND HIS DEPUTIES

(Ms. VAN DUYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Tarrant County Sheriff Bill Waybourn and his deputies. Earlier this month, Sheriff Waybourn announced the weeks-long investigation known as Operation Buyer Beware, which focused on the demand driving human trafficking.

Together, Texas DPS, Fort Worth Police, Arlington Police and the Department of Homeland Security successfully arrested a total of 115 men over the course of 1 week, many of them repeat offenders. Those arrested were attempting to solicit sex from minors.

With this operation, the Tarrant County Sheriff has sent a clear signal to offenders in the community that the safety and well-being of our children is paramount, and acts of harm and violence will not be tolerated. The sheriff's department stepped up to make use of the recent changes to State law that will increase jail time for solicitation.

We applaud our law enforcement and those dedicated to keeping Texas-24 safe. Madam Speaker, I thank Sheriff Bill Waybourn and Tarrant County law

enforcement for executing this operation and making strides to protect our community.

#### CALLING ATTENTION TO THE NEEDS OF THE GREAT LAKES REGION

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise this evening to call attention to the needs of our Great Lakes region, including communities I represent like Lorain, Ohio, which my colleagues on the Select Committee on Economic Disparity and Fairness in Growth visited yesterday afternoon on a bipartisan basis.

During the hearing, we heard from union members, the business community, community leaders, and local officials about how decades of underinvestment and outsourcing have devastated our region; 10,000 steel jobs gone just in that industry.

As we advance our Build Back Better agenda, it is vital we deliver robust resources and support to these communities, ones that too often have been left behind.

These historic investments in infrastructure and good-paying jobs must reach every corner of our Nation, especially those where middle-class workers and their families have been denied full participation in the American Dream.

Let's make sure that these communities and those in the Great Lakes receive their fair share and are set upon a path for a more prosperous tomorrow.

#### RECOGNIZING STAFF SERGEANT PAUL LINCOLN OLMSTEAD

(Mr. MOORE of Utah asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Staff Sergeant Paul Lincoln Olmstead, who passed away on September 21, 2021.

Born with an instinct to protect and defend others, Lincoln embodied the Green Beret motto to "de oppresso liber" or "to free the oppressed."

Lincoln served as a special forces engineer in the Utah National Guard's 19th Special Forces Group. This elite group of operators serves as the tip of the spear of the greatest fighting force the world has ever known.

Just 5 years into his service, Sergeant Olmstead had become a Green Beret and a special forces sniper.

Lincoln will always be known as a disciplined professional with a steadfast commitment to the mission at hand. Lincoln proudly served his country, and we owe him our deepest gratitude. Lincoln will be remembered as a loving husband to his wife, Danaya, and a dedicated father to his son, Tavian, and daughter, Alexa.

# IN OPPOSITION TO DEMOCRATS' RECONCILIATION PACKAGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. HERN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and submit extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, tonight we are going to hear the truth about a truly bad bill.

Biden's failed leadership has created an America where grocery stores' shelves are empty, gas stations are running out of gas, and crime is skyrocketing, our schools are failing, and our borders are wide open so that cartels can have complete control of what is going on at our southern border.

This isn't the America any of us want. Whether we succeed or fail, we do it as one. Republican or Democrat, our future is the same. That is why it is so important to point out the truth of what is in this reconciliation package.

The Biden administration has ignored crisis after crisis, putting all their eggs into this build back broke basket. So how come no one actually knows what is in it?

We spent over 40 hours in Ways and Means marking up the build back broke plan last month and several other committees did the same, but we already know that the policies have changed since then.

Democrats are adding radical unnecessary provisions while the American people aren't looking. For example, they are trying to make the IRS spy on American families' bank accounts. That is right, they want banks to give information to the IRS on any transaction over \$600. This is a giant step towards living in a surveillance state.

My constituents are horrified at what has happened to our country in just 9 months of Democratic control. They are worried that the freedoms we have held dear for the last 245 years will be stripped away right before their eyes.

Tonight, we will hear from my colleagues about the dangerous provisions included in the build back broke plan, the honest truth about what our Democratic colleagues are trying to hide from the American people.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Tennessee (Mrs. HARSHBARGER), my dear friend, a freshman, a fellow businessperson, and a person that I coauthored an op-ed with yesterday about our failing supply chain.

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to condemn the

reckless and irresponsible proposed spending by the radical left.

This reconciliation bill is nothing more than a socialist wish list.

It disincentivizes people from working and it is littered with Green New Deal items we cannot afford.

The Biden administration has outrageously claimed this bill costs zero, nada, nothing, zilch. If you believe that, then I have got a nice piece of oceanfront property to sell you in east Tennessee where I come from.

This deficit spending is a wrong prescription for our country.

Instead of calling this the build back better, they should call it the build back broke.

It would raise inflation—you have to remember, inflation is taxation—making everyday necessities even more expensive than they have already become under the Biden economy; that is, if you can even get the items you need due to the supply chain disruptions.

And it will fail to incentivize Americans to get back to work.

What we need to focus on are real solutions to restarting our great American economy, not on increasing debt and government reliance.

I urge my colleagues in joining me in opposing this out-of-control spending.

Our country's future depends on it and the future of east Tennessee depends on it.

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE), my dear friend and a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee and a fellow classmate.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Oklahoma for hosting this Special Order this evening.

The reconciliation package that my colleagues are pushing for may play well to focus groups in liberal cities, but in Pennsylvania, the energy policies being introduced in this legislation would be a death sentence for thousands of family-sustaining jobs.

It is clear that this administration is openly hostile to the energy industries that are critical in our State and that provide the baseload power that our Nation relies on.

At a time when gas prices just reached a 7-year high, this legislation would create new taxes on the oil and natural gas industries.

These regressive taxes would directly harm our middle-class citizens. They would harm the rural Americans who have to drive further distances and take longer commutes in order to get to work.

This administration claims these taxes would pay to support working families. That is false.

In reality, these taxes would pay to enact radical policies like creating green workforce tax credits that cost over \$10 billion.

These taxes would pay to give kickbacks to liberal companies that promote the false solutions offered by the Green New Deal energy agenda.

Let's be clear: These taxes do not benefit the American people. This administration is willing to raise taxes on working Americans for the sake of their socialist energy policies.

This is not responsible government. It is not a government that is working to improve the quality of life for all citizens.

It is disappointing to see the administration lying about what this legislation does.

This bill would bankrupt our energy producers and send prices soaring even higher.

This legislation would not help to build our economy, it would not help to build our workforce, and it would not protect the American energy consumers.

The truth is simple: We cannot afford this legislation. We must vote against it.

I thank the gentleman from Oklahoma for organizing this Special Order.

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS), a freshman, who is certainly not shy about getting out there and getting his feet wet and speaking out here, so we appreciate that.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, it is important that we are here this evening because the President of the United States and the majority party has never actually talked about what is in this bill. They would like to throw out their catch phrase build back better, they like to talk about how they are helping the children and helping our economy transform, but what they never talk about is what they are actually going to do.

What the American people don't know, Madam Speaker, is that in this bill is a \$1.3 billion provision to give newspapers \$12,500 per employee for local newspapers all across the United States. I don't know about you, but I don't know how that helps anybody build back better when we are giving tax dollars to newspapers.

In this bill, it gives \$42 billion in tax credits to the rich to buy electric cars. The reason why they are tax credits for the rich is because working families, middle-class families don't have the disposable income to buy electric cars; only the wealthy buy them. But that is in this bill.

The administration wants to give the IRS access to your checking accounts. This is outrageous. This completely eliminates due process. It makes every American guilty until proven innocent. And the White House wants this provision in the bill because they can't tax the American people enough to pay for all their radical spending, so they have to go find every piece of change in the couch cushions.

The only time in American history we unleashed the IRS on checking accounts and on bank accounts was when